

Concern over the progress of the redevelopment of Queen Mary Hospital

The reply of Hospital Authority:

Update on the Queen Mary Hospital Redevelopment, Phase 1

Purpose

This paper aims to brief members on the progress of the Queen Mary Hospital (QMH) Redevelopment, phase 1.

The Redevelopment Plan

1. As the first phase of the revised redevelopment plan, the Hospital Authority (HA) proposes to demolish the existing Clinical Pathology Building (CPB), University Pathology Building (UPB) and Houseman Quarters (HQ) for the construction of a new block. The new block will provide large floor plates to accommodate re-aligned and well-coordinated clinical services as well as research and education facilities and will shorten travelling time within the hospital premises. Provision of a second access point from Pok Fu Lam Road to the hospital is also proposed to enhance the hospital's accessibility.
2. To fully achieve the objective of renewing QMH into a modern health sciences centre which is adaptable to future service delivery models with adequate capacity and capability to meet the long-term needs of the community, HA's initial plan is to carry out redevelopment works in other parts of QMH under subsequent phase(s) in a later stage.

Progress Update

A. Senior Staff Quarters (SSQ) Conversion Works

1. The main works contract with major scope consisting of the SSQ conversion works, widening of sections of minor access roads (Road B and D) within QMH campus, construction of a link bridge connecting the converted SSQ with the hospital compound, and provision of double deck parking system commenced on 28 July 2014. The SSQ conversion works and the construction of link bridge are currently in progress, while widening of sections of Road B and D are substantially completed. The tentative completion including the associated decanting works of CPB, UPB

and HQ would be in 2017.

B. Impact on Clinical Services and Neighbouring Environment

1. There is no impact on the hospital's clinical services caused by the SSQ conversion and its associated works.
2. To minimise the disturbance caused to our staff, visitors and neighbours, effective noise mitigation measures and mosquito control measures are in place. The noise mitigation measures include the use of noise barriers and less noisy equipment. Effective mosquito breeding control measures including the spray of properly diluted and safe larvicidal oil and sand, and clearing of drainage and gutters to prevent accumulation of stagnant water are being conducted three times per week. In addition, anti-mosquito devices have been installed at critical locations. The latest site inspection by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department was conducted on 25 February 2016 and compliance with the related requirements was confirmed.
3. In respect of the construction of the new link bridge, Construction Noise Permits were obtained to carry out part of the construction works from 1900 to 0700 hours with a view to minimising disruption to the busy daytime operation of the hospital. The hospital has notified the residents of the private developments in the neighbourhood, explaining to them the need and seeking their understanding and forbearance. The works concerned were completed in February 2016.

C. Special Traffic Arrangement

1. Excavation works are being conducted at Road B and Road D from 5 March 2016 to 30 April 2016 tentatively for power supply connection for the SSQ. One-lane-two-way temporary traffic control would be implemented to divert vehicles passing Road B/ Road D during the course of works.
2. To facilitate the steel truss fabrication works for the construction of the link bridge, the visitor carpark in Block S of QMH was temporarily suspended between 0600 and 1800 hours daily from 9 December 2015 to 29 February 2016 (except Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays). The visitor carpark has resumed 24-hour daily operation starting from 1 March 2016.

D. Internet Website for QMH Redevelopment Project

1. To enhance communication with stakeholders, community partners and the public, an internet website for the QMH Redevelopment Project would be developed. The development of the bilingual Internet website is in smooth progress and the website will be launched in due course.
2. A preliminary design of the website would cover the introduction of the project, the latest news and progress update, important notices, publications and publicity materials, updates on community connection activities, etc. It was also proposed to enrich the website by featuring some interesting topics and multimedia elements such as a photo gallery.
3. The website would be written in accordance with the judging criteria of the Web Accessibility Recognition Scheme organised by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) to ensure that the contents are accessible by the widest possible audience, including persons with disabilities.

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